

COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT [REDACTED]

TOPIC Military Information from Zeitz

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1. On 12 November 1952, the Artillerie Kaserne west of Frieden Strasse, Zeitz, was occupied by about 1,200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia including a few with motor transport insignia. At 7:30 a.m. on 15 October, six tanks [REDACTED] left the installation toward Gera and returned at about 6 p.m. [REDACTED] about 200 soldiers were discharged home during the period from 2 to 4 November. About 65 T-34/85 tanks and about 80 trucks were seen on 5 November. Seven T 34/85 tanks [REDACTED] were seen in the barracks yard. About 1,000 soldiers were lined up on 7 November. Motor vehicles seen entering and leaving the installation [REDACTED]

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2. On 12 November, the Infanterie Kaserne east of Frieden/Strasse was occupied by about 1,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, tank and AT insignia. [REDACTED] about 200 soldiers were discharged and [REDACTED] about 900 soldiers were lined up on 7 November. Twelve mortars which, [REDACTED] were 160-mm caliber, 6 x 57-mm AT guns and about 60 trucks were seen at the installation on 12 November. [REDACTED]

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3. [REDACTED] a quantity of bread sufficient for 5,500 soldiers was baked for the home station in Zeitz and Gera.²

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1. Comment. Elements of the 20th Gds Mecz Div stationed in Zeitz [REDACTED] returned from the Dessau-Jessenburg training area on 20 October. [REDACTED] The 36th (?) Tank Regt [REDACTED] is confirmed located at the Artillerie Kaserne west of Frieden Strasse [REDACTED] while the 67th Gds Mecz Regt is confirmed stationed at the Infanterie Kaserne east of Frieden Strasse by the heavy infantry weapons observed. Mechanized regiments are equipped by 122-mm mortars [REDACTED]

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2. Comment. [redacted] the military
bakery is located on Dimitroff Strasse in Weitz. [redacted]

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